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## WORLD DRY BEAN PRODUCTION DOWN IN 1964

The 1964 bean production in 30 reporting countries is estimated at 99.3 million bags, 10.3 percent below the revised estimate of last year's production, but 12.2 percent above the 1955-59 average. While many minor producing countries report increases, most major producers show sharp decreases. Every producing region -- North America, South America, West Europe, and Asia -- all show a smaller total production in 1964 than in 1963.

Production in unreported areas of the world, such as Communist China, East Europe, and parts of Africa, would probably bring the world total production up to near 120 to 130 million bags.

Significantly, the major reductions this year in the 30 reported countries occurred in such important producing and trading countries as the United States, Brazil, France, Spain, and Japan.

The Brazilian crop, largest in the world, is down 18 percent, with much heavier reductions in some of Brazil's major producing states.

The U.S. crop dropped 13.6 percent from last year due to cold, wet harvest weather, particularly in Michigan, and some mountain states.

The French and Spanish crops dropped 53 and 9 percent, respectively, due to the dry growing season, and the Japanese crop dropped 28 percent due to dry, hot weather in the large producing area of Hokaido.

International bean trade will be affected in 1964-65 by a short exportable supply from the United States, the world's leading exporter, and by short domestic supplies in France, Spain and Japan, all among the world's leading importers. Other large importers such as the U.K., West Germany and the Netherlands (the latter for re-export) produce few or no beans. The situation is aggravated in Japan by reported shortage of Azuki beans in Communist China - a normal source of Azuki imports for Japan.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE: 1/: Acreage, yield, and production in specified countries, average 1955-59, annual 1963 and 1964

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1963	1964	Average	1963	1964	Average	1963	1964
	1955-59			1955-59			1955-59		
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	bags 3/	bags 3/	bags 3/
North America:									
Canada .....	69	67	76	1,032	1,303	1,346	708	874	1,023
Costa Rica .....	108	127	127	325	369	369	353	470	470
Dominican Republic .....	48	41	41	976	945	945	468	400	400
El Salvador .....	69	96	91	636	421	350	437	405	320
Guatemala .....	92	135	138	655	591	591	605	796	816
Honduras .....	165	252	265	386	390	416	639	983	1,100
Mexico .....	3,192	4,201	4,201	307	367	367	9,792	15,432	15,432
Nicaragua .....	113	108	110	570	545	561	645	589	617
Panama Republic .....	41	48	54	289	219	251	117	106	136
United States .....	1,478	1,416	1,458	1,178	1,456	1,221	17,404	20,612	17,809
Total .....	5,375	6,491	6,561	580	627	581	31,168	40,667	38,123
South America:									
Argentina .....	58	57	55	874	1,254	1,221	503	719	674
Brazil .....	5,552	7,374	6,178	578	581	580	32,804	42,829	35,274
Chile .....	207	231	221	860	808	995	1,781	1,867	2,198
Colombia .....	310	169	152	428	573	572	1,327	970	872
Peru .....	81	111	113	825	892	892	667	992	1,010
Total .....	6,208	7,942	6,719	586	597	596	37,082	47,377	40,028
Europe:									
Austria .....	2	1	1	1,494	1,603	1,603	36	18	18
Belgium-Luxembourg .....	1	1	1	1,921	2,326	1,997	24	19	20
France .....	299	173	156	749	1,079	565	2,235	1,870	882
Germany, West .....	4	5	5	1,630	1,942	1,807	59	95	88
Greece .....	162	164	154	631	673	793	1,024	1,101	1,223
Italy .....	1,012	798	778	353	561	572	3,570	4,473	4,447
Netherlands .....	10	6	8	1,788	1,990	2,320	173	126	194
Portugal .....	831	987	928	107	110	119	1,068	1,332	1,305
Spain .....	246	264	267	1,035	1,186	1,074	2,543	3,135	2,866
Sweden .....	2	4	4	1,445	1,364	1,155	24	57	49
Yugoslavia .....	561	550	545	4/ 723	4/ 821	4/ 892	4,052	4,519	4,850
Total .....	3,130	2,953	2,847	473	559	553	14,808	16,745	15,942
Asia:									
Japan .....	238	235	217	1,161	1,264	994	2,760	2,981	2,161
Lebanon .....	3	4	6	1,843	1,249	1,249	46	62	75
Syria .....	4	4	4	578	473	473	22	18	18
Turkey .....	276	259	267	959	1,130	1,116	2,646	2,932	2,976
Total .....	521	502	494	1,051	1,194	1,059	5,474	5,993	5,230
Grand total .....	15,234	17,888	16,621	581	619	598	88,532	110,782	99,323

1/ Includes the common kidney-shaped (haricots) and lima beans of the phaseolus vulgaris and lunatus species; excludes broad, horse, mung, azuki, and similar varieties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Bags of 100 pounds. 4/ For non-interplanted acreage.

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